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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ,

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial.

The settlement as proposed does not prohibit Microsoft from extending and licensing extensions to common open protocols. As a result, Microsoft is able to prevent or prohibit non-Microsoft products from running with with Microsoft operating systems and browsers.

My company has an online internet application that was developed using common open protocols and non-Microsoft software. Microsoft could extend the open protocols, license the extensions, and prohibit our application from running with Microsoft operating systems and browser. The Microsoft solution would be for our company to jettison our significant investment in the existing system and reinvest in a Microsoft homogeneous server.

Microsoft has a history of embracing and extending incompatible open protocols. A current example is Microsoft's incompatible version of MIT's kerberos security system that prevented non-Microsoft kerberos servers from participating even though the kerberos architecture and protocols were openly defined and created by MIT and successfully deployed for Microsoft and non-Microsoft systems. After an uproar from MIT and the kerberos community. Microsoft relented and removed the artificial technical barriers to heterogenous kerberos servers. I'm afraid that our company may not be able to generate such a loud uproar to right the obvious wrongs.

Sincerely yours,

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